

Reception Term 2

Big Bang: Polar Express Day

Trip: Whole School Planet Ice Trip

Sparkle and Shine / Celebrations

Personal, Social & Emotional Development	This term, we will continue to build positive relationships, develop friendships and encourage the children to work cooperatively with others. We will focus on recognising and talking about our feelings, developing independence and learning how to share, take turns and solve problems together.
Physical Development	The children will continue to develop their gross and fine motor skills through a range of indoor and outdoor activities. We will focus on developing coordination, balance and control, as well as strengthening our hand muscles through activities such as drawing, cutting, threading and mark-making. We will also continue to develop our pencil control and letter formation.
Communication & Language	We will continue to develop the children's speaking and listening skills through stories, discussions, role play and group activities. We will encourage the children to share their ideas, talk about their experiences and develop their vocabulary. We will also focus on listening carefully to others and taking turns during conversations.
Literacy	We will be exploring a range of exciting stories, rhymes and texts to develop our love of reading. The children will continue to develop their phonics knowledge, practising recognising sounds, blending sounds to read words and beginning to write simple words and sentences. We will encourage the children to use their phonics knowledge in their independent writing and to develop their confidence when sharing stories. During World Nursery Rhyme Week, the children will be learning, performing and role playing a range of traditional nursery rhymes.
Mathematics	In Maths, we will be exploring the concepts of more than and fewer than, comparing groups of objects and explaining how we know which group has more or fewer. We will also be developing our subitising skills, learning to recognise small quantities without needing to count each object individually. The children will take part in practical activities and games to help build their confidence with numbers and develop their mathematical understanding.
Understanding of the World	This term, we will be learning about different celebrations and how people around the world celebrate special occasions. We will explore Bonfire Night and Diwali, discussing how and why these celebrations are marked. The children will have opportunities to learn about different traditions, look at similarities and differences

Key Text

Let's Celebrate!: Special Days Around the World by Kate DePalma

Little Glow by Katie Sahota

The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg

Key dates:

World Nursery Rhyme Week: Monday 9th November – Friday 13th November

Whole School Planet Ice Trip: Monday 23rd November

	between celebrations and share their own experiences. We will use stories, discussions, creative activities and exploration to help develop their understanding of the world around them.
Expressive Arts and Design	The children will have lots of opportunities to explore their creativity through art, music, dance and imaginative play. We will create artwork inspired by our celebrations topic, experimenting with different materials, colours and textures. We will enjoy singing songs, exploring musical instruments and using their imaginations in role-play activities. We will also be rehearsing our songs for our Christmas performance.

Parent's Evening: Wednesday 18th November and Thursday 19th November

Christmas Jumper Day: Thursday 10th December

Christmas Concert: Monday 7th December – 1.30pm until 2pm

Key information:

PE will now be on a **Thursday** afternoon. Please ensure the children are dressed in their PE kits on this day.